

The Federal Communications Commission

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

My wife's Tracfone is PURELY for emergencies, and it is not FAIR to tax us so that everyone else with a cellphone can walk around talking on it 24/7 for less! Let the ones who are using the bulk of the airtime, 1000's of hours a month, pay the bulk of the price! There are many of us who look for any way we can to cut costs to survive, and the government has done nothing but chisel away at these one-by-one. First, you were going to "protect" us by regulating cable TV rates, and now the rates are 3-4 times what they were before the government's intervention. Then, you deregulated the electric utilities, so now there's no one locally who can answer my questions, the CSR's are in another state, and the repair crews have to travel 2 hours just to get here to the problem. PLEASE, don't help me anymore! I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

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